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631-462-9800

FAQ for TACSY Parents

Please read through all materials provided and keep it in your TACSY at home folder or binder for future reference. If you have additional questions do not hesitate to ask.

1. How much does it cost?
Member fee is \$170. Non member fee is \$215
2. When is payment due?
By the first rehearsal.
3. Are there any other fees?
By the 3rd week of rehearsal if payment has not been made there will be a \$35 late fee incurred. By the 5th week there will be a \$50 late fee incurred.
4. How can I pay? Can I pay online?
We are in the process of creating online registration. Until that happens you can pay over the phone by credit card or in person at the front desk by credit card, check or cash.
5. Does everyone make the show?
Everyone who auditions is welcome to be in the show.
6. What is a callback?
A callback could mean many things; You are being considered for a particular role and they want to see you do short excerpts of the requirements for that part (dance, music, acting, etc.) OR you had a very strong audition and are being considered for multiple parts. OR they need to see you paired with other people that are being considered for roles you will interact with for pairing.
7. What if my child doesn't get a callback?
If your child does not get a call back they are still being considered for additional featured roles. That includes potential featured dance parts, lines and solos. We purposely do not give all of the additional lines and solos out until we get a few weeks into rehearsals. This gives our new members a chance to show us who they are.
8. How will I find out if my child got a part?
We will email everyone the cast list as soon as it is ready.

9. When do rehearsals begin?
Rehearsals begin the Sunday after auditions.
10. What time are rehearsals?
Rehearsals are 1 - 4pm
11. Do I stay while my kids are in rehearsals?
You do not need to stay during rehearsal.
12. Do the kids get a break?
Yes. We take a break half way through the rehearsal. Please send your child with a snack and a drink.
13. Do I have to sign my child in?
We try to cultivate a professional environment, creating independent young actors so we ask parents to help their child sign their own initials on the sign in sheet until they are able to do it themselves.
14. How do I sign my child out?
There will be 2 sign out sheets, A - M and N - Z. You will need to sign your child out before we can release them.
15. Can someone else pick up my child? How do I make that arrangement?
You can have someone else pick up your child by writing a note before that rehearsal. The person picking up may be asked to show identification if they are unfamiliar to us.
16. What happens if we have to miss rehearsal?
We ask that you do everything in your power to be at every rehearsal. It is very difficult to rehearsal a show with people missing. We are very understanding if there are prior commitments but we need to know that IN ADVANCE of the first rehearsal so that we can cast the show knowing if there are schedule conflicts and so that we can create a rehearsal schedule that is effective.
17. What can my child do when they are not needed during rehearsal?
We do our best to make sure that everyone is kept busy during rehearsal. If they are not learning music, choreography or being blocked into a scene there will be a teen assistant reviewing or "running" things with them they have already learned. If there is time when they are not doing something they should've homework with them or a book to read. We do not encourage cell phones or tablets. They can get lost and tend to distract kids from what they should be doing but it is at each parents discretion.

18. Do I have to provide my own costumes?
We provide most costumes. We usually ask for each performer to supply their "basics" for the show. You will get that list as soon as it is ready.
19. What is Tech week, why and when?
*Tech week is always Mon. - Thur. the week before the the show. Every show needs a tech week. It is when we set the lights and sound, run the stage crew through all set changes, do costume run throughs and our final dress rehearsals.
THIS WEEK IS MANDATORY AND CAN NOT BE MISSED.*
20. When are the shows? _____
21. What time do they have to be there on show day?
2 hrs before call time for the Saturday show and 1 1/2 hrs before the Sunday show unless otherwise noted.
22. How do I get my child after the show?
One parent per child is allowed backstage after each performance to help their child clean up before leaving.
23. What kind of theater education will my child get from being in a TACSY production?
All of the adult staff involved in the production have professional theater backgrounds. Many have been on Broadway, have degrees in theater, dance or music and all of them must have a strong desire to influence and inspire young artists. We teach all aspects of theater from basic terminology to motivation and choices.
24. How do I buy tickets, how many can I buy and what do they cost?
Tickets will be available through a ticketing service on line and at the front desk. We will give that information out as soon as it is ready. Typically you are able to buy as many as you like. This is subject to change based on the number of performers in the production. Tickets are \$13 for cast members, \$13 for SYJCC members, and \$15 for non-members.
25. Who do I contact if I need to reach my child during rehearsal?
You can call the Y at 631-462-9800 and ask for Rochele or Sid.
26. Are electronic devices allowed?
They are allowed.
27. Can my child receive additional voice, dance or acting coaching related to the show or otherwise?
Yes. Inquire with Rochele or Sid.

28. Can I volunteer? How much time will be expected?

We need volunteers. There is no set amount of time required but any help will be greatly appreciated.

29. What is the fundraiser money used for?

We work on a bare bones budget and are a not for profit theater company. It is used for new equipment, additional costumes, show related workshops, subsidizing program fees, repairs...etc.

30. Will there be someone shooting video and/or pictures and how can i order?

Yes. You will be given a form with ordering information.